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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in response to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claims 1-14 and 18-19, drawn to a protective coating and a method for forming a protective coating.

Group II, claims 15-17, drawn to a protective agent.

Group III, claims 20-25, drawn to a method of removing a protective coating.

Group IV, claims 26, drawn to a kit.

Group V, claim 29, drawn to a method for removing a protective agent .

2. The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive-concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: when a protective agent, as claimed in Group II is transformed into a protective coating, it includes a variety of additives, which may change the chemical identity of an acrylate copolymer and, thus, the specific technical feature, namely functional groups of acrylic polymer, do not link two groups any more.

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Where the group of inventions is claimed in one and the same international application, the requirement for unity of invention referred to in Rule 13.1 shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. The expression "special technical features" shall mean those technical features that define a contribution, which each of the claimed inventions considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.

The inventions listed as Groups I and III, IV as well as II and IV, V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, although they share the special technical feature, this special technical feature does not define a contribution over the prior art for the following reasons: Claims 1 and 15 are either obvious or anticipated by any one of the following: EP 0428,937 or EP 0 478 067 or EP 0 533 367 or EP 0 578 498, each one individually. Accordingly, the special technical feature linking the inventions, the acrylate copolymer having a specific molecular weight and acid number does not provide a contribution over the prior art, and no single general inventive-concept-exists. Therefore the restriction is appropriate.

2. A telephone call was made to Ms. S. Wolffe, esq., on 02/04/2002 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Kornakov whose telephone number is (703) 305-0400. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on (703) 308-4333. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3599 for regular communications and (703)305-3599 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 2450.

Michael Kornakov Examiner Art Unit 1746

MK February 4, 2002

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